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SUBJECT: NDP MAKES VERY SLOW PROGRESS IN SETTLING INTRAMURAL  
DISPUTE

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1. DURING WEEKEND OF JULY 31, NDP FACTIONAL  
LEADERS MADE

KNOWN THAT AD HOC COMMITTEE OF TEN MEMBERS, INCLUDING FIVE  
FROM MAINSTREAM AND FIVE FROM NON-MAINSTREAM, WOULD MEET  
SOMETIME IN AUGUST TO DISCUSS DIFFERENCES ONCE AGAIN AND  
DEBATE PLANS TO SCHEDULE NEW PARTY CONVENTION. THERE  
CONTINUES TO BE LITTLE OPTIMISM HOWEVER THAT PARTY WILL  
SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS QUICKLY.

2. KIM YONG-SAM REMAINS KEY BARRIER TO QUICK RESOLUTION OF  
NDP INTERNAL DISPUTE. EACH MAJOR FRACTION NON-MAINSTREAM  
HAS TAKEN SINCE IMBROGLIO BEGAN HAS BEEN ONE CALCULATED TO  
REMOVE KIM FROM CONTENTION IN STRUGGLE FOR PARTY POWER. THIS  
PAST WEEK THEY FINALLY RELINQUISHED LONG-STANDING CONTENTION  
THAT NEW PARTY PRESIDENT MUST BE SELECTED BY COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTING ALL FACTIONS PRIOR TO CONVENTION. HOWEVER,  
NON-MAINSTREAMERS NOW CONTEND PRESIDENT COULD BE ELECTED ON  
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CONVENTION FLOOR IF THEY ARE ALLOWED TO DEBATE, PRIOR TO ACTUAL

VOTE, KIM YONG-SAM'S PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT OF PARTY AFFAIRS. MAINSTREAM IS RELUCTANT TO EMBARK ON SUCH DEBATE SINCE IT WILL PROVIDE LICENSE FOR NON-MAINSTREAMERS TO ATTACK KIM AND IS LIKELY TO EXACERBATE DIFFERENCES.

3. IN ADDITION TO OPEN POLITICAL MANEUVERING OVER LEADERSHIP, PETTY (AND OTHER) LEGAL TANGLES STILL PLAGUE NDP. ONE LAWSUIT STILL PENDING CONTENDS THAT NONE OF ORIGINAL DELEGATES TO ABORTIVE PARTY CONVENTION IN MAY WERE PROPERLY ACCREDITED. ORIGINAL SELECTION WAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY NDP POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (PACWT JOINTLY WITH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE. SUIT MAINTAINS ONLY PAC IS CONSTITUTIONALLY EMPOWERED TO APPROVE DELEGATES. NON-MAINSTREAMER RESPONSIBLE FOR SUIT (CHOE-KUK) INDICATES HE WOULD DROP IT SHOULD KIM YONG-SAM REMOVE HIMSELF FROM FUTURE PARTY PRESIDENTIAL RACE. BUT THIS UNLIKELY. SHOULD SUIT BE WON NDP CONSTITUTION SUGGESTS CONVENTION DELEGATES WOULD HAVE TO BE CHOSEN ONCE AGAIN THROUGH DISTRICT CHAPTER CONVENTIONS. THESE CONVENTIONS, IN THEORY AT LEAST, WOULD HAVE TO BE CONVOKED A SECOND TIME. IN ANY CASE, THESE KINDS OF INTRICATE LEGAL DISPUTES MAKE REUNIFICATION OF PARTY DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL PROCESS EVEN WITHOUT PRE-EMINANT LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE.

4. NDP MEMBERS ARE FORCEFUL IN EXPRESSING VIEW THAT PARTY REUNIFICATION IS BOTH NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE BUT GIVE NO INDICATION THEY PREPARED TO GIVE UP THEIR VARIOUS POSITIONS FOR OR AGAINST KIM YONG-SAM. FOR THEIR PART DRP AND YUCHONGHOE APPEAR LESS CONCERNED ABOUT OPPOSITION DISARRAY, AND THERE IS CONTINUING SUGGESTION THAT ROKG MAY BE ACTUALLY PROMOTING DISCORD BY FUNDING VARIOUS NDP FACTIONS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE LOOK FOR DRAWN OUT SQUABBLING. STERN

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